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SUBJECT: NORDIC COOPERATION WITH MOZAMBIQUE

1. CONTINUED NORDIC INTEREST IN MOZAMBIQUE HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY SEVERAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

2. TOMAD PETTER SVERNEVIG, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NORAD, VISITED MOZAMBIQUE APRIL 25-28 AND SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR NORDIC FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION JANET MONDLANE SIGNED FOR MOZAMBIQUE. SVERNEVIG WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN DAR AND OTHER NORAD AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. DURING HIS VISIT HE MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE GPRM DEPARTMENTS OF GEOLOGY AND MINES, FISHERIES, ROADS, ENERGY, EDUCATION, HEALTH, FINANCE, AND TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. NORAD HAS RECENTLY OPENED AN OFFICE IN MAPUTO WITH A FULL-TIME NORWEGIAN COORDINATOR.

3. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINLAND'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY PAULI OPAS ARRIVED IN MAPUTO APRIL 26, ACCOMPANIED BY THE FINNISH UNCLASSIFIED

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AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN DAR ES SALAAM, NINE FINNISH BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES AND ANOTHER FINNISH DIPLOMAT. THEY WILL DISCUSS TRADE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. A TEN-DAY CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA SPONSORED BY THE SWEDISH DAG HAMMERSKJOLD FOUNDATION CONCLUDED IN MAPUTO APRIL 27. THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED THE EDUCA-

TION MINISTER OF TANIZANIA AND OFFICALS FROM BOTSWANA, CAPE VERDE, CUBA, GUINEA-BISSAU, MOZAMBIQUE, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. VARIOUS NORDIC AND OTHER EUROPEAN AID ORGANIZATIONS WERE ALSO REPRESENTED.

5. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ALSO ANNOUNCED THE ARRIVAL OF THIRTY AMBULANCES WHICH ARE A GIFT OF DENMARK. THE RADIO-EQUIPPED VEHICLES WERE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

6. COMMENT: MOZAMBIQUE CONSIDERS THE NORDIC COUNTRIES, WHICH SUPPORTED FRELIMO AGAINST THE PORTUGUESE, ITS CLOSEST WESTERN FRIENDS. THOSE COUNTRIES, LED BY SIDA AND NORAD, HAVE RESPONDED GENEROUSLY TO MOZAMBIQUE'S NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. DE PREE

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